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Amendment dated Dec. 14, 2005

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 2, 6, 9, 11 and 15 are amended.


Upon review of the pending claims, Applicants' representative found an inadvertent error that was present in the originally filed claims and that was carried into the Amendment dated December 8, 2005. In this paper, the error is corrected. Specifically, the independent claims have been amended to recite that the outer framework of the filter cartridge has an air impermeable portion in its sidewall structure, rather than an air permeable portion. Support for an air impermeable portion can be found, for example, on page 17, lines 8-9, where shield 105 is described as impermeable to air flow.

Applicants contend that even with the amendment, all claims are allowable. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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